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## Town Meeting Held; Special Session Brings Out Over A Hundred

Last Monday evening December 21st at 7.30 o'clock the special meeting called by the selectmen George W. Carr, Edward M. Morgan and Ralph O. Leach brought out a good attendance. The gathering was in the town hall and promptly on time Mrs. Harry M. Haskell mounted the platform called the meeting to order and read the ten articles in the warrant which had been previously posted by Constable Huber in the proper places and published in The Herald. Sam E. Walker and Myron Dunnell were appointed tellers.

The meeting proceeded to choose a moderator and Mr. William F. Hoehn was elected under Article I. The other articles follow with action taken as indicated:

Art. 2 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1,977.53 the total cost of constructing the Gill-Northfield highway in cooperation with the State Division of Highways, the town having received from the State its share of the cost or pass any vote in relation thereto.

The sum named was appropriated.

Art. 3 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$200. to be credited to the appropriation for Snow Removal made in the last annual town meeting or pass any vote in relation thereto.

The sum of \$200 was appropriated.

Art. 4 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$883.27 to pay expenditures for Old Age Assistance to January 1, 1932 or pass any vote in relation thereto.

The amount called for was appropriated.

Art. 5 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$300. to be credited to the appropriation for Contingent Account made in the last annual town meeting or pass any vote in relation thereto.

The sum of \$300 was so voted. All motions on this and Articles 2-3 and 4 having been made by Mr. Charles Warner our Town Accountant.

Art. 6 To see whether the town will vote to repeal the by-law passed at the Annual Town Meeting of February 1931 relating to the appointment of a Town Finance Committee, no finance committee having been legally appointed under said by-law.

Upon motion of Mr. R. O. Leach to repeal the by-law—the proposed new by-law was read by the Town Clerk referred to in Article 7 and a discussion ensued. The motion to repeal was lost and the moderator was requested to again name the Finance Committee at this meeting—the legality of which was to be referred to the Attorney General.

Art. 7 To see if the town will vote to adopt a by-law in relation to the appointment of a Finance Committee, said law to be read by the Town Clerk, or act thereon.

This article was voted to "lay on the table."

Art. 8 To see if the Town of Northfield, in order that Forrest Avenue and Spring Street may be taken over as originally intended when these roads were taken over, will correct error in location of Spring Street, so as to take Spring Street over as a twenty foot road where it is now travelled, and release to Mr. George Carr the portion of Spring Street according to the map then referred to, or take any other action in regard to same.

This article provoked much interest and following a motion by Mr. R. O. Leach that such action be taken, the Town Clerk was called upon to read the State law with reference to the acceptance of roads and exhibit a map of the section in which these roads were located. Rev. Loring Chase of Providence, R. I., a property owner was permitted to speak for the article. Several of our citizens spoke to the point upon the matter and the motion upon favorable action was decisively defeated.

Art. 9 To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to search the records of the town, find the by-laws enacted and put same in a book to be kept for this purpose. Said committee to be appointed by the Moderator of this meeting.

Mr. R. O. Leach moved that such action be taken but it was unanimously defeated.

Art. 10 To see if the town will vote to purchase a tractor and plow to be used on the Highways, make any appropriation for the same or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Considerable discussion ensued upon the merits of this article and a motion to "lay on the table" was defeated. A motion made by Mr. R. O. Leach appropriated \$5,000 for this purpose but on a ballot vote it was defeated 52 to 22.

A motion to adjourn was unanimously carried. The meeting while well attended did not bring out our voting strength especially of property owners and women.

## Phillips Brooks' Immortal Christmas Hymn

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin  
When meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

## Church Extends Call To Maine Minister

At the session of the members of the Trinitarian Congregational Church held last Sunday evening it was voted to extend a call to the pastorate of the church to the Rev. W. Stanley Carne of Gorham, Maine. The Committee having the matter in charge consists of Prof. F. L. Duley, Chairman, William R. Moody, George McEwen, Mrs. Frank H. Montague and A. P. Fitt and it was upon their recommendation that the action was taken. Mr. Carne visited Northfield recently and preached before a large audience. At present Mr. Carne is pastor of the Congregational Church at Gorham and has officiated there since 1921 although serving in several Western Cities before that time. He is a graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary. He is married and has four children and many of the local citizens who have met him are much impressed with his personality.

## Christmas In Northfield

The spirit of Christmas, as revealed on the exteriors of Northfield's homes, shines forth brighter this year than ever before.

Many and varied are the ways in which the home-owners of this town have "dressed-up" the windows and entrances of their dwellings. A trip through Main street made by this writer brought to his notice much of interest.

One of the most striking of the many holiday decorations is to be seen evenings, at the home of C. L. Mason, on South Main street. Every window on the front of the house is lighted with an electric candle, throwing a red beam, with a candelabra in the central upstairs window. In addition, the entrance is attractively outlined with hemlock boughs.

Electrically lighted Christmas trees are to be seen at the homes of Mrs. C. H. Webster, Frank H. Montague, and others. Both Mrs. Webster and Mr. Montague have placed their trees where they are quickly noticed by passersby.

The home of G. O. Dunnell on South Main street with its attractive old Colonial entrance, presents a fine appearance, outlined with hemlock boughs, among which are twined many colored electric lights. Charles Johnson, on North Main street, has a similarly decorated front entrance. The front porch, door and windows of H. H. Chamberlin's on South Main street are trimmed with spruce boughs and laurel.

Almost every home on all of Northfield's streets, has one or more Christmas wreaths on display. Over sixty wreaths were recently counted on Main street alone. Many of the wreaths are illuminated.

One home has no wreath, though through no fault of the owner. Mrs. Jennie Foreman on Monday reported the theft of a wreath from her front door. Though she has closed her home for the winter, she thought she would like to be "in style," and hung out a wreath. It is evident someone else thought there wasn't any use in putting a wreath on an empty house. Anyway, the wreath is gone.

R. T. L.

## Hazardous Age For Driving Under 20

According to an analysis made by the Travelers Insurance Company from the record of about four million operators of automobiles in states which require the licensing of drivers it has been proven that the most hazardous age for automobile driving is under twenty years. The study shows that the percentage of operators under the age of twenty, who are involved in personal injury accidents, is 39 more than the average for all ages combined. It is possible that this study may lead to raising the age limit and qualifications of young people.

## Week's Record Higher For Auto Fatalities

Auto fatalities in the state jumped to 25 during the week ending the 18th as compared with 19 in the week before, and 20 in the same period of 1930. Fourteen of the total were pedestrians, 10 were occupants of automobiles, and one was a bicycle rider, raising the total of such riders during 1931 by 54 per cent over 1930. "Crazy speeding" was responsible for most of the 10 motorist fatalities, Registrar Morgan T. Ryan says.

Of the week's total, 21 were adults and four were children; municipal Boston had three deaths, as did Westport; Pittsfield had two, and the other municipalities in the list one, each, including Adams, Cheshire, Chicopee, Springfield and West Springfield. This is the most deplorable showing for Western Massachusetts in many weeks a total of seven deaths in that section.

## Increase Automobile Excise Tax 67 Cents

An increase of 67 cents in the state automobile excise tax for the coming year has been announced by Commissioner of Taxation and Corporations Henry F. Long. The rate at which owners of cars registered in 1932 will pay is \$29.92 per \$1,000, the highest since the excise tax was established.

The excise tax is figured independently of the taxes on real or personal property, the rate being set by the state, but all of the money received trickles into the treasury of the city or town in which the car owner resides.

## District Deputy Of Masons Appointed

Mr. Donald E. Mathewson of Millers Falls has been notified of his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District for the year 1932 succeeding Dr. Richard G. Holton of Harmony Lodge who had served the past year. Mr. Mathewson is a Past Master of Bay State Lodge of Montague is a member of the Chapter and Past Commander of the Commandery. He now holds office in the Lodge of Perfection and is Master of the Lodge of Instruction in this District.

## South Church Notes

Those who were privileged to see the "Nativity Pageant" as given last Sunday evening, pronounced it very beautiful and impressive. The young people and children all entered into the spirit of its sacredness and gave the "Old, Old Story" most effectively. It was good to have seen it.

Wednesday night was Christmas fun and jollity at the church. Beginning with a church family supper at 6.30 p.m., every one was ready for the witty stunts put on by the different classes.

Mrs. Carrol Miller's class of boys did an interesting piece of work. Mr. Conner read some of Riley's Christmas poetry. Mrs. Conner told some stories from real life. Santa Claus was there with a most capacious sack. "While Gifts for the King" were presented, and big and little went home happy.

The music given last Sunday by request will be repeated next Sunday morning. The whole choir will sing "Ring Merry Bells," and a soprano solo sung by Mrs. Esther Williams with a violin obligato played by Miss Marion Webster will be given again.

Rev. Charles C. Conner will preach next Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock on "The Unknown Future."

Rev. Charles C. Conner preached on "The Ever Present Christ," at the services last Sunday morning and special Christmas music was rendered.

## Road From Northfield North To Be Kept Open

The state of New Hampshire has decided to keep open this winter most of its trunk lines including the roads about and through the White mountains so as to make them accessible to the public. In the list of routes so included is Highway No. 10 which starts at Northfield at the Massachusetts line and runs up the western side of the state to Littleton via Keene and Hanover.

The New Hampshire snow removal program as announced by Highway Commissioner Frederic E. Evert, covers the entire trunk highway system of the State, which means that it links up every city and large town. In addition the towns have arranged to plow a great many principal highways.

## Haigis Now President Mass. Trust Ass'n.

At the election of officers of the Massachusetts Trust Company Association, at the Parker House in Boston last week Hon. John W. Haigis, president of the Franklin County Trust Company, and former State Treasurer, was unanimously elected president of the association. The organization includes practically all of the officials of trust companies in this Commonwealth.

## Children Appreciated The Children's Story Hour

The Children's Story Hour at our Library last Saturday afternoon was unusual and most beautiful.

The Christmas story "Why the Chimes Rang" was first told to the children by Mrs. G. W. Deming in clear, simple sentences.

This was followed by the little drama being depicted on a tiny stage by the puppets under the skillful management of Mrs. Deming with her assistants Miss Irene Deming, Miss Mayberry Myron Johnson and John Webster.

This little puppet show has been made by Miss Deming and her family and exhibited several times. Christmas music was rendered before the play and between the acts by Mrs. Deming, her daughter and Miss Mayberry.

More than 50 children were present and several adults. The children were spellbound by the beauty and interest of the scenes while wet eyes of the adults indicated its reality.

## County Town Record On Motor Deaths

The report of the Governor's Committee on Street and Highway Safety shows that fourteen Franklin County towns had no deaths from automobile accidents during the two last fiscal years.

The towns having a clean slate are: Backland, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Orange, Rowe, Shutesbury, Sunderland and Warwick.

The towns where deaths increased are Ashfield with two deaths in 1931 against none in 1930; Bernardston, two against none; Charlemont, one against none; Colrain, one against none; Deerfield, two against none; Greenfield, three against two; and Northfield two against one.

## Sideswiped Car

In Hinsdale on the highway near the foundry plant a car bearing a New York license plate swerved into and sideswiped a car driven by Roland O'Neal son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O'Neal of Hinsdale last Sunday afternoon. No serious damage resulted but the O'Neal car was brought to Spencer Bros. garage here for repairs.

## Albert E. Roberts Chosen Alumni Secretary At Mount Hermon

Mr. Albert E. Roberts of New York has been chosen to be Alumni Secretary at Mount Hermon effective January first. He succeeds Dean Thomas Elder who succeeded the late Prof. Lorimer Drury the first to hold that office. Upon the death of Mr. Drury Mr. Elder became secretary and acting Dean but is now assuming the full responsibility as Dean under Mr. Speer. Mr. Roberts graduated from Mount Hermon school in 1898 and went into Y. M. C. A., work at Middleboro, Mass., continuing in the work his affiliation with the National Council at various places and capacities until of Young Men's Christian Associations, home division, with headquarters in New York City. He is no stranger to Northfield and has been a frequent visitor here each year and both Hermon and Northfield will welcome him in our midst.

## Grade Schools Have Christmas Party

Under the direction of Miss Marion Webster and the teachers of the grade schools of Northfield a fine Christmas party was given in the town hall last Thursday evening. The hall was completely filled with parents and friends and all enjoyed the splendid program which was rendered. The Christmas carols were accompanied by Dorothy Quinlan on the piano. The program was as follows:

Christmas carols by all the students; "What Will You Bring," a recitation by six girls of the Center school primary department; song solo, "Santa Claus," Richard Barrows of the East school primary department; a play, "Mother Goose Land," West school primary department; recitation, Kenneth Bolton of the East school primary department; song, "Santa Land," West school primary department; exercise, "The Wooden Soldiers," youngest children of Number 3 school; song and poem, Dorothy Leach, Ethel Tenney and Mary Margaret Donhue, of the Farms school primary department; song, "Jolly St. Nicholas," Center school primary department; "Cradle Hymn," Center school intermediate department; recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," Eva Fisher of Number 3 school, song, "We Three Kings," three boys from the East school intermediate grades, James Mattern, Ian French and Arthur Bolton; song by the girls of the East school intermediate grades; recitation by Fannie Lombard of West Northfield; song, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," all the schools; song, "King Christmas," Center school intermediate grades; recitation by Louise Whitman of East Northfield; song, "Christmas Gifts," East school grammar grades; song, "Christmas Joy," West grammar grades; exercise, Center school upper grades; song, "Christmas Night," Center School girls; play by Charles Leach, Lawrence Glazier and Phyllis Cota of the Farms school.

## North Church Notes

The Trinitarian Church began its celebration of Christmas last Sunday morning when at the 11 o'clock service a Christmas sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Coe and special Christmas music was rendered by the choir. The hymns sung by the congregation were also selected with the Christmas message in view.

In the afternoon the Sunday school classes gave a scriptural presentation of the birth of Christ as the fulfillment of prophecy. The service ended with a pageant depicting the visits of the shepherds and the wise men to Bethlehem in search of the Holy Child.

The Christmas Tree and Entertainment for the younger members of the Sunday school were given in the vestry Tuesday evening when it seemed that every member of the school was present. The boys and girls brought their white gifts in abundance and these were distributed the following day by the Social Service Committee of the Church.

The subject of Mr. Coe's sermon last Sunday morning was very appropriate to the Christmas season "To Bethlehem."

The Friendly class held a Christmas party and social at the home of Mrs. Joseph Ross on Monday evening. The class of which there are about 35 members met to observe the season by supplying small gifts of toys to children in town who might not otherwise have Christmas cheer. A Christmas tree and suitable entertainment was provided and the work of making out the list was entrusted to Mrs. Earl Lily. Mrs. Sidney Given is president of the society.

The Mid-week Bible class has adjourned its sessions until Tuesday January 12th.

The young people held their annual social and supper of the Y. P. S. C. E., in the Church vestry on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Coe will preach next Sunday morning and evening. His morning sermon will be appropriate to the last Sunday of the departing year. In the evening his theme will be "The Mother of Sinner Watching at the Window"—an Old Testament episode of special interest to young people.

## The Northfield Schools Receive Large Bequest From Van Heusen Estate

Under the will of the late John M. Van Heusen of White Plains, N. Y., filed in the Surrogate Court there the Northfield schools will participate as a beneficiary in \$2,000,000. estate. Trust funds are left to the widow and members of the family which will eventually be divided into sixteen shares. Smith College is given four shares; The Northfield Schools two shares; The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, four shares; Boy Scouts of America; International Council of the Y. M. C. A., and the New York Legal aid society, two shares each.

Mrs. Annie Pigeon Van Heusen, the widow, is to have a life income from \$750,000. Two children, John M., Jr., of Essex Falls, N. J., and Mrs. Dorothy Connolly, of Upper Montclair, N. J., were left the income from \$250,000 each.

Two cousins, Catherine A., and Mary W. Manning, the former Southboro, the latter of Newton, Center, Mass. were given the income from \$50,000 each.

Mr. Van Huesen was much interested in the Northfield Schools and was a frequent visitor with his wife at The Northfield Hotel each summer.

## Dates And Speakers Announced For Hermon Commencement

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, pastor of the Central Congregational church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been announced as the Commencement Day speaker at the graduation exercises of Mount Hermon School in the morning of June 6th and also of the Northfield Seminary in the afternoon of the same date.

The Baccalaureate speaker for Mount Hermon School Sunday, June 6th, will be Dr. Henry F. Cutler, principal of the school, who will retire in June after holding the principalship for 43 years. Rev. Elliott Speer, who is now studying at the University of Edinburgh, will succeed Dr. Cutler.

## Hotel Grounds Look Very Attractive

Last week we referred to the lighted tree on the Seminary grounds and since then many have motored to the campus to witness the beautiful sight. Now we call attention to the beautiful appearance of another tree on the grounds of the Northfield Hotel near the entrance and another tree at the very hotel doors. At night they present an attractive appearance. Just motor up and see them for yourself. The management of the hotel knows how to do things right and they will do so on Christmas day when their guests gather about the festive board and spend the afternoon in the hotel parlors. Both Mr. Moody and Mr. Thompson make admirable Santa Claus's in hotel management.

## Capt. Trumbull Speaks Saturday At Library

For the Children's Story Hour on Saturday, the day after Christmas at 3 p.m., Capt. Trumbull of Salem will tell stories of his voyages to Africa and the far east. These narratives of sailing vessel days are interesting to those of all ages who love to hear tales of the sea. This story hour in the hall of the Town Library is free to all.

Capt. Trumbull has been enthusiastically received by the many audiences before whom he has spoken. We know that Northfield people will be glad of this chance to welcome him.

## Gives Christmas Kindergarten Party

Miss Barbara Williams gave a Christmas party on Wednesday morning to the members of her Kindergarten school, their parents and friends to the number of twenty five. The members of the Kindergarten who have met regularly since fall gave a program of songs and recitations which proved very interesting. The children had a Santa Claus and a Christmas tree fully decorated and received many gifts and among the gifts was a handsome end table and scarf which was presented to Mrs. Ross Spencer in appreciation of her efforts toward making the Kindergarten school a success. This school had its last session Thursday morning and will reopen on Monday January 4th. Northfield is fortunate indeed to have a Kindergarten for its children and Miss Williams is to be congratulated.

## Legion County Council To Meet At Orange

A meeting of the Franklin-Hampshire county council, American Legion, will be held in the Legion rooms at Orange Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27th at 3 o'clock. The members of the Orange post are making special plans for the visiting Legionnaires. Matters of exceptional interest are expected to come before this meeting and a large attendance is expected.



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## EDITORIAL



Green o' the pine—white o' the snow;  
Peace o' the world wherever you go;  
Love o' the day, happiness true,  
This is our wish, on Christmas to you!

### IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

(From the New York Sun, September 21, 1897.)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all of the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Acts of brotherhood, of fellowship, and of unselfishness are not left alone as examples of by-gone comradeship recorded in profane and religious story. These things happen in our every day life and we should be grateful that men still do have the appreciation of one another's burdens. The story told by General Allenby recently was that an officer of his command visiting an outpost found a soldier on duty shivering in the cold and taking off his big fur coat told the private to wear it "on the job." Going back to headquarters in his motor he caught cold—pneumonia set in and he passed on but in his delirium he was heard to utter these words: "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethren, Ye have done it unto me" and so it was evident that in his last moments came to him the satisfaction of a glorious deed. This Christmas season much can be spared from our material wants that will make others happy and contented—that will supply their necessary needs—may the generation of today through its men and women—in

Northfield as well as elsewhere—find its great satisfaction in the realization of doing the noble and fine things for others who "struggle on" sometimes for even life itself. The world stands out on either side No wider than the heart is wide; Above the world is stretched the sky, No higher than the soul is high. The heart can push the sea and land Further away on either hand; The soul can split the sky in two, And let the face of God shine through. But East and West will pinch the heart That cannot keep them pushed apart; And he whose soul is flat—the sky Will cave in on him by and by.

Every motorist has met the driver who boasts of having drained his crankcase only once in every three or four thousand miles. This chap usually says that he "just keeps the oil up to the proper level." This practice is not to be recommended. Oil is subject to dilution in the crankcase. After 500 or 1,000 miles it has lost some of its body, it becomes thinned out and no longer lubricates efficiently. Contamination also neutralizes the lubricating quality of the oil. Take no chances. Oil should be changed every 500 or 1,000 miles. This is one sure way to longer car life and better operating efficiency.

## The Poet's Corner

### DECEMBER

December is the month  
When boys and girls have  
A way  
Of doing whatever they're told.  
'Tis strange how well they obey  
And never wait 'till  
You scold.  
The wood box is filled  
To the brim;  
The dishes are washed in a trise;  
The hands kept free  
From grime;  
And beds made ever so nice.  
They're up in the 'morn  
With the sun;  
At school they never are late;  
On errands they're ready  
To run;  
Their report cards certainly  
Are great!  
Oh! what has come over  
Them all?  
Can you tell, or even  
Can guess?  
If I were to whisper in voice so small  
The magic word "Christmas,"  
I think you'd all answer "Yes."  
Alice Nowe  
In Athol Transcript

### WHERE SYMPATHY ENDS

I have met with mortals cultured,  
I have met with mortals wise;  
I have met with human beings  
That the devil would despise.  
Day by day I've seen the honest,  
The congenial and the true—  
Those who worship at the altar,  
Those who bow beneath the blue.

I have mingled with the silent,  
With the talkative conversed;  
I have seen the "outward highest,"  
I have seen the "inward worst."  
I have loved the joy of meeting,  
I have known the pain of tears;  
I have been a keen observer  
Through kaleidoscopic years.

I've felt kindly toward the robber,  
And I've sorrowed for the thief;  
For the fallen I have hankered  
For redemption and relief.  
But I haven't much to offer  
To the fellow in this life  
Who is mean enough to beat it  
With another fellow's wife.  
Anon

### RYHMED PRESIDENTS

Listen, my children, while one at a time  
Your twenty-nine presidents greet you in rhyme!  
First comes George Washington, followed by Adams,  
Martha and Abbie their dutiful madams.  
Jefferson third, he who gave to the nation  
The Democrat party and great Declaration.  
Now meet James Madison, then James Monroe  
Who both sponsored doctrines you all ought to know.  
John Quincy Adams took over the reins,  
Then Hickory Jackson of Indian campaigns.  
Martin Van Buren is next in our view;  
Then Harrison, hero of Tippecanoe.  
Tyler and Texas are words you should bracket  
While Polk is tied up with the Mexican racket.  
Old Rough-and-Ready, that warrior fierce,  
Zachary Taylor, then Fillmore, then Pierce.  
After Buchanan—the friend of the slave  
Abraham Lincoln, great, simple and brave!  
Then Andrew Jackson, who won little fame,  
Followed by Grant, who earned much of the same.  
Out Hayes, enter Garfield, who shortly was killed,  
When the president's office by Arthur was filled.  
After Cleveland came Harrison, Cleveland again,  
Next William McKinley, who also was slain.  
Now Roosevelt, Rough Rider, Progressor and tourist,  
Then the screen projects Taft, who is famous as a jurist.  
The World war and Wilson will live through the years,  
For they symbolize sacrifice, sorrow and tears.  
Warren Harding, who strove for the normal again,  
Was stricken and died on his World court campaign.  
Today we have Coolidge, of pioneer Yanks,  
A thrifty American—let us give thanks!  
A. W. Newell.

### WHEN!

When the sun climbs o'er the mountain  
With his splendor all aglow,  
Newly wakened thoughts within me  
In an answering torrent flow.  
When upon the desert boundless  
Smiles the fair moon in her pride  
And the stars shine out through vastness,  
With their spirits I abide.

When the depths of mighty ocean  
Roll their billows towards the sky  
And the winds howl out their story,  
In my glory there stand I.

When the monarchs of the forest  
Soft and low a message send,  
Chanting forth their hymn of reverence,  
There, with kindred soul, I bend.

When amid the whirl of cities  
Love may pine and crime may stalk  
Mingling with my fellow creatures  
In humility I walk.

By Edwin Gordon Lawrence  
From Athol Transcript

### THE FRIENDLY TREES

God bless the trees! the friendly trees  
That keep our hearthstones warm;  
That yield us shade in summertime  
And house us from the storm!

Tho' man has maimed and slaughtered them  
Since ever time began  
They have remained—do still remain—  
The staunchest friends of man.

God bless the trees! the kindly trees,  
Green brothers of the wood,  
Whose truest mission on the earth  
Is that of doing good!

In answer to our direst need,  
And to our fondest prayers,  
There comes to us no spirit shape  
More beautiful than theirs!

From massive trunk and swaying bough—  
From leaf and bark and stem,  
There comes a magic—an appeal—  
That draws my heart to them!

'Tis joy in summer days to see  
Their vistas green unfold;  
'Tis joy to see their iron ranks  
Resist the snow and cold!

God bless the trees—the patient trees  
That men so often spurn!  
Yet give us freely of their all  
And ask for no return.

Arthur Goodenough  
West Brattleboro, Vt.

### Brattleboro Newspaper Man Assumes New Position

Mr. Charles Edward Crane for the last eight years associated with the Brattleboro Reformer and an independent writer of advertising has been appointed director of publicity of the National Life Insurance company of Montpelier.

Mr. Crane has recently prepared some of the advertising copy for The Northfield Herald and we wish him success in his new venture.

He was with the Associated Press in various capacities for a number of years. He bought the Middlebury (Vt.) Register in 1917 and ran it for three years. He sold the paper and came to Brattleboro in 1920.

### Barre Farmer Loses Steel-Trap Appeal

The full bench of the supreme court over-ruled exceptions taken by Joseph H. Higgins, a Barre farmer, to the anti-steel trap law, which he was found guilty of violating, in superior court. Higgins contended that he had a constitutional right to protect his chickens from foxes and other animals.

Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg, who wrote the opinion, found the law must be applicable to all, and that exceptions could not be made of farmers.

### Tournament of Roses In "Parade of States"



CALIFORNIA'S Annual Tournament of Roses, and the Tulane Southern California game in Pasadena, will hold national attention during the holiday season. As a tribute to the sunshine state, during one of its chief celebrations, the "Parade of States," General Motors Monday night radio program, will be dedicated to California. Erno Rapier, (last) musical director of this program which takes listeners each week to a different state of the union, will recall California history in music, with "The Forty Niners," to be rendered by a large orchestra, with voices, and "A Rose Symphony."



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The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of The Northfield National Bank, Northfield, Mass., will be held at the banking room Tuesday, January 12th, 1932 at eleven o'clock A. M. to elect Directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

Leon W. Chapman, Cashier

Northfield, Mass.

December 12th, 1931

### Leaves From My Portfolio

OF PERSONALITY—I

The date of a man's birth, the place of his education, the times in which his life is cast, tell us little, as a rule, as to what he became in selfhood or soul. Men live another life than that which is visible. It has its nurture in other than the seen. It is subject to a spiritual law. It is manifest at length as a personality which hath shaping force in the world with other men.

Rabelais was born in an inn at Chinon where as a baby he was awakened in the cradle by the songs and revelry of drinkers, but there was born in him a purpose to take a monastic vow. Dwelling among mendicant monks who were ignorant and sensual, he had quickened within him a passion for study, and thus envied he consecrated his life to the quest of truth. He found fetters about him everywhere, but he craved freedom, sought it, and had it.

The arrival of Alcuin in Germany in the eighth century was the beginning of a new epoch among the Franks. Learning was then at a low ebb. Some of the schools had been broken up and others were inefficient. He commenced an educational reform and established new and better schools throughout the country over which Charlemagne reigned. The king and queen became his pupils. The reformation had its impulse and power in a man who embodied learning and was animated and moved by the soul of it.

To review the life of Pericles is to survey the glorious age of Greece. A man passed upon the streets of Athens and a popular procession followed and fine columns rose and stood as witnesses ever after and walls were adorned to celebrate the occasion, and the beauty endured after the man passed. A man like Napoleon could remake the map of the world. What others had drawn to match the facts of history, he rendered obsolete by the march of an army, and the lines must be redrawn to tell the story of his conquests.

John Murray held up the stone that had been hurled at him in a Boston pulpit, and said, "So long as God has a work for me to do, I am immortal." Luther, in the face of opposition, said, "Here stand I; I cannot otherwise; God help me." William Ladd's friends tried to persuade him not to take the step which led to the organization of the American Peace Society, but he answered, "I'll go if I can get a single person to hear me and the sexton to snuff the candles."

Men follow the order of the world and are forgotten in death. They move with the march of generations and are burden bearers. The state of life is farther advanced perhaps because of them. Some resist the current; they cherish personal convictions; they manifest peculiar strength. They shall help men by proving true to their own souls. Where they stand they minister. People come to them to receive, and bless them and build a monument to them in the place which had known them; or, feeling a lack of harmony with them, others lay violent hands upon them and they die a martyr's death and are canonized and their names are written henceforth in the great Book of Life.

Charles Chambers Conner

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### Northfield Farms

The school closed last Friday for the regular holiday vacation. It will reopen on Monday, January 4.

On Friday evening a Christmas programme was given in Union Hall by the pupils of the combined grades under the direction of their teachers, Miss Elizabeth Braley and Miss Rachel Parker. Miss Marion Webster took charge of the music. The hall was very prettily decorated for the occasion. A large audience of parents and friends of the children filled the hall and enjoyed the exercises.

The programme was as follows: Carols, It Came Upon The Midnight Clear, and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, by the pupils and the audience; Recitation, Luke 2: 8-14, by pupils of the upper grades; Carol, The First Noel, pupils and audience; Recitation; Heaven's Gift, primary classes; Carol, Away In A Manger, primary classes; Recitation, Merry Christmas, by Mary Galvis; Dialogue, Signs of Christmas, by fifth grade girls; Song, Away In Judea, upper grades; Recitation, Selfish Billy Green, by Jennie Galvis; Recitation, Peter, Patty, and Polly, by Alexander Kozlowski; Song, Silent Night, pupils and audience; Play, Edna's Christmas Wishbones, upper grade children; Recitation, Enough for All, by Gilbert Hammond; Carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem, by pupils and audience; Play, Mother Goose's Christmas Tree, by primary children; Recitation, A Letter To Santa Claus, by Joseph Zabko; Play, A Christmas Box from Aunt Jane, by upper grades; Songs, by primary grades; Recitation, The Christmas Mouse, by Ethel Tenney; Play, A High Ambition, by John Zabko, Vincent Zabko, Ellsworth Cota, and Joseph Dymerski; Song, We Three Kings, by primary children; Recitation, Rich or Poor, by Chester Zabko; Songs, by primary children; Recitation, Johnny's Christmas, by Chester Scoble; Dialogue, Darning The Christmas Stocking, by Joseph Bartus and Eugene Hammond; Song, It's Christmas, by upper grades; Recitation, Envy, by Irving Scott; Play, The Day After Christmas, by Phyllis Cota, Charles Leach Jr., and Lawrence Glazier; Recitation, Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, by Donald Cushman; Song, Dolly's Motion Song and Christmas Eve, by Dorothy Leach, Margaret Mary Donahue, and Ethel Tenney; Song, Up on The Housetop, by primary grades.

At the conclusion of this programme, which was greatly enjoyed by those present, old Santa Claus appeared and helped distribute presents from a well-filled tree to the children.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society was held at the library last week Wednesday afternoon. After the meeting those present enjoyed a covered dish supper.

Several families in this neighborhood are observing the custom of setting up Christmas trees on their lawns. Both Willis Parker and Charles Parker have large trees that present a pretty sight in the evening with their colored lights, while a smaller one may be seen in front of

C. L. Gilbert's. Also many of the homes of the vicinity show nicely decorated trees in their windows.

No Northfield Farms hunter was fortunate enough to get a deer in the two week's hunting season just closed.

Last week Thursday Clayton Glazier and Ralph Kervian motored to Middlebury, Vt., where they spent the night, returning home on Friday and bringing with them Melvin and Lyle Glazier, students of Middlebury College, who will spend their holiday vacation at the home of their parents here.

As a result of the Millers Falls Tool Company's plant shutting down for two weeks, most of their employees living in this village are having a two week's vacation, only a few of their employees having work this week or next.

### Mortgagee's Sale

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Philomene Fortier and Celeda Bergeron to Mary Monat and Adelard J. Monat, dated June 30th, 1931, recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, book 781, page 25, for default in the performance of the conditions in said mortgage contained, will be sold at public auction on the premises in Northfield, Massachusetts, on Saturday, the 16th day of JANUARY, 1932 at 3 O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON

all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows:— "a certain tract or parcel of land, with buildings thereon, situate in said Northfield, on the easterly side of Main Street, and known as the "Mountain View Hotel" property, and being the premises this day conveyed to us by deed of Mary Monat, to be recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

Said premises are conveyed subject to two mortgages to the Orange Savings Bank, on which \$9,000.00 of principal remains unpaid.

Excepting from the above described premises the gasoline pump and tanks situate thereon, which belong to the Standard Oil Company.

This mortgage is given as part consideration for the purchase price of land this day conveyed to me by the grantee (Mary Monat) herein, and the deed conveying said land and this mortgage were each executed at one and the same time and as parts of one transaction."

Said premises will be sold subject to two mortgages to the Orange Savings Bank, on which \$9,000 of principal remains unpaid, and subject to lien of all unpaid taxes.

Terms made known at time of sale.

MARY MONAT and ADELARD J. MONAT, Mortgagees. William A. Davenport, Attorney, Greenfield, Mass. Adv.

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**At the Theatres****AT THE AUDITORIUM — BRATTLEBORO**

Sooky is coming to the Brattleboro Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, January 1st and 2nd and the Auditorium will be crowded at every showing of the film which brings again into the limelight Jackie Cooper and Robert Coogan. It's the story of hilarious life by the boys in Shantytown. Everyone both young and old will want to see this picture and Manager Sharby will need to reserve many seats for the Northfield folks and lovers of good human pictures.

**AT THE STRAND — WINCHESTER**

The showing next week at the Strand Theatre at Winchester will be of two splendid pictures, "THE SPIDER" and "THE CISCO KID." The Spider is an adventurous story of mystery and fiction.

A murder is committed in the audience during a magician's presentation of his program and police officials and detectives crowd the stage. All exits are guarded and every member of the audience is under technical arrest while police attempt to solve the mystery. The unravelling of the puzzle by means of a spiritualistic seance and other magical wonders provide a thrilling closeup of criminology never before presented on the screen.

Edmund Lowe in the leading role of Chatrand the Great is the outstanding feature of the picture, and his performance will undoubtedly win him new praise.

"The Cisco Kid" is a story of the old southwest and stage-coach days.

Through a gorgeous pageantry of cactus-studded desert and cloud-tipped mountains at dawn, the two noted O. Henry characters of "In Old Arizona" ride in a hot pursuit delightfully interrupted by surprising plots and counterplots.

The work of the two principals has a convincing polish and surety, Conchita Montenegro is utterly charming as Baxter's inamorata and Nora Lane is appealing as the plucky pioneer friend of the gallant and hostile pair.

The photograph reaches new heights with its marvelous desert backgrounds of huge saguaro cacti and rugged Arizona mountains. The story contains enough thrills and unexpected situations to satisfy the most exacting spectator, while the direction of Irving Cummings reveals a fine mastery of technic.

**Farm Federation To Have Meeting**

Poultry stealing, better roads to farms, taxes and rural electrification will be among the subjects to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation to be held on the opening day of the 14th annual union agricultural meetings at Worcester January 6, 7 and 8. It will be an all-day meeting with the morning and afternoon sessions full of action in shaping the policies of the organization for the coming year.

Among the special reports which will be given in the morning session will be that of the committee on farm electrification by C. B. Jordan of Holden, the committee on poultry stealing by Robert P. Trask of Lexington, and the committee on legislation by Raymond Wheeler of Concord. S. L. Davenport of Grafton will report on the recent meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago. These reports with the discussion of milk legislation and automobile liability insurance legislation will take up most of the morning. Elmer M. Poole of North Dartmouth will give his address as president, Howard S. Russell of Wayland will report as secretary and Raymond Clapp of Waltham will report for the purchasing department.

In the afternoon session the first topic for discussion will be "Hard Roads to the Farms" led by Roger Peck of Shelburne, chairman of the federation roads committee. George Fuller of Deerfield, chairman of the committee on taxation will speak on "Taxes; Can't we lighten the burden on farmers?" A discussion of farmers' rights in matters of trespassing and hunting will be led by George L. Allen of Medfield.

**Personals—Locals**

Mr. Jack Bennet is home for the holiday season.

Mr. Richard Buffum is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Robert Porter and Alvin Porter are home for the holidays.

Miss Vera Wright has returned for the Christmas vacation season.

The Misses Eleanor and Jean Rodgers are home for Christmas.

Mr. Seth Field is home for the holidays.

Miss Polly Parker is at her home for the season.

The Misses Muriel and Marion Kendrick are spending the holidays at home.

Miss Priscilla Colton is home from the University of Vermont at Burlington.

Miss Doris Thayer who formerly was at Kenarden is now attending the Bay Path Institute at Springfield.

Rev. W. A. White of Birnam Road preached in the Congregational Church at Millers Falls last Sunday morning and will preach at Buckland Congregational Church next Sunday.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Horace A. Sibley, formerly of this place, have received attractive notice of three days' dedication services of the Mine Hill Presbyterian church in Dover, N. J., where Mr. Sibley is pastor.

Mr. Leon W. Chapman, Cashier of the Northfield Bank will spend Christmas with his family at Hartford, Conn.

A regular meeting of Harmony Lodge of Masons was held last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge of Highland Avenue who has been spending some weeks in Springfield has gone on to Dade City, Florida for the winter.

**Hermion School Notes****The Christmas Vesper Service**

Memorial Chapel was completely filled last Sunday afternoon with students and friends who came to participate in the Christmas Vesper service. Before the hour had arrived there were Christmas carols sung on the campus led by the Brass Quartette. Rev. Charles R. Brown D. D., Principal H. F. Cutler and Rev. Lester E. White occupied the chancel with the Hermion choir. Dr. Brown delivered a real message upon the Christmas spirit and its significance. The following musical program was rendered.

Prelude, Christmas Eve by Malling; Chime Carols like Good King Wenceslas and Silent Night; a Processional 95, O, Come All Ye Faithful; Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones, a 17th century German melody; Handel's Ye Shall Feed His Flock; There Dwelt in Old Judea by Griggs; The Infant Jesus by Yon, Joy to the World, by Handel, A Joyous Christmas "Song" by Gevaert, He Shall Reign Forever by Simper; Recessional No. 103, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing by Mendelssohn and the postlude, Fanfare in D by Bridge.

The violin solo was by Charles Drury. The male quartet composed of A. D. Allison, H. W. Watt, W. H. Eastman, and J. R. Shumaker. The mixed quartet Mrs. G. W. Deming, Mrs. L. E. Smith, I. J. Lawrence and C. H. Holton.

Mount Hermion school closed for the Christmas recess on Tuesday. The vacation was originally scheduled to begin on December 23, but by a change of plans involving having lessons on Monday which is regularly a school holiday, the schedule was changed so that the classes ended Tuesday morning. The vacation lasts until January 4 when the boys return and classes begin again on January 5. About 40 boys will remain on the Hill through the recess.

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer P. White have during the past week, been entertaining Mrs. Emaline Newton of Worcester, who is 90 years old. Her husband was a native of South Vermont and Mrs. Newton has also been visiting in that town. Mr. and Mrs. White will spend the Christmas holidays in Worcester on Tuesday at the close of school and Mrs. Newton will return to her home then.

Felix Fox, pianist, of Breslau, Germany gave a recital before the school at Camp hall Saturday evening. Mr. Fox is the supervisor and instructor of music at Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill school at Greenfield. His son, Richard is a senior at Mount Hermion school.

She writes: "Please send me your paper. I appreciate the home paper and don't want to miss a copy—put in all the news."

Wednesday was the shortest day of the year and from now on the days become longer. Looks like a mild winter.

The fire department was called out Monday noon to the residence of Mr. Martin Jones for a very stubborn chimney fire. No serious damage was reported.

The 1932 sporting licenses, which give the holder the privilege of hunting, fishing and trapping, have arrived at the office of Town Clerk Mrs. Harry M. Haskell. These will be issued only after December 21 and not then until the licensee has made full returns for all game killed during the past year. A new form for this record is available at the clerk's office.

**NOTICE**

All bills against the Town of Northfield should be in the hands of the Town Accountant, C. S. Warner, before noon, Thursday, December 31, 1931. Adv.

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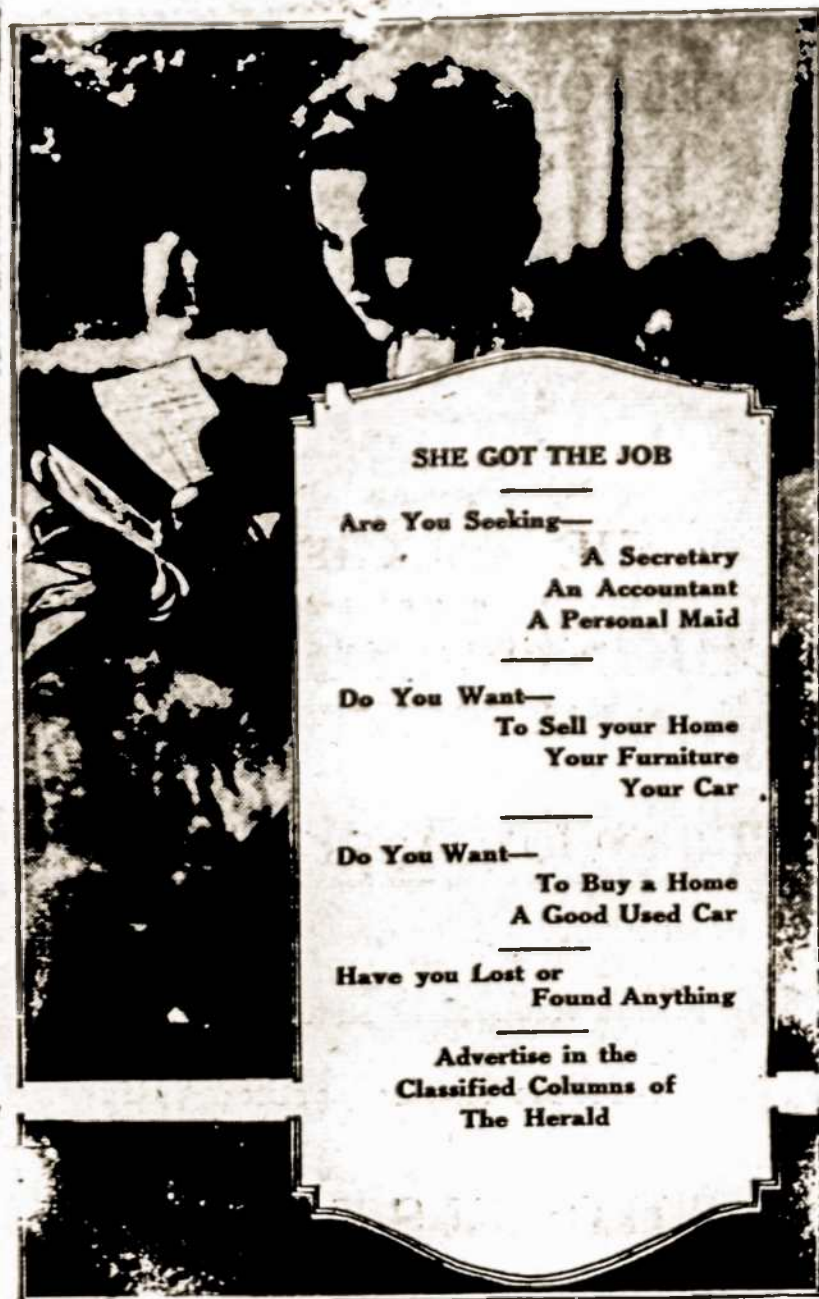
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## Personals—Locals

Three Northfield Boy Scouts were  
guests of Troop 2, of the Greenfield  
scouts, at that troop's regular meeting  
Tuesday evening. They were accom-  
panied by Roger T. Lyman. The boys  
were Raymond Sauter, William  
O'Claire and Alfred Labelle. They  
report an interesting evening, and es-  
pecially enjoyed the use of Troop 2's  
rifle range, a courtesy extended them.

The American Legion announces a  
New Year's dance on Friday evening  
December 31st in the Town Hall and  
are making preparations for the  
event. An orchestra has been en-  
gaged and the committee states that  
there will be plenty of music, fun and  
a good time.

Dr. Allen H. Wright early this week  
had a fall in stepping out of his auto  
and injured a ligament in his back.  
While suffering much with pain he is  
attending to his calls with patients.

Miss Mildred W. Coe is visiting her  
parents Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Coe on  
Main street for the Christmas holi-  
days.

Capt. Edward B. Trumbull of Sal-  
em, Mass., who speaks to the young  
folks at the library Saturday is the  
guest over Christmas of Dr. and Mrs.  
W. G. Webber at their home on High-  
land avenue.

Among the season's greetings re-  
ceived by friends from Edinburgh,  
Scotland from Mr. and Mrs. Elliott  
Speer is a photograph of their three  
children which shows them to be in  
good health happy and contented.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has sent  
word that he will not be able to at-  
tend the General Conference next  
summer as he plans to be in England.

Word has been received that Dr. J.  
East Harrison of Northfield who has  
been at Atlantic City and recently  
quite ill is somewhat improved.

The last issue of The Hermonite  
dated Saturday, December 19th  
proved to be very attractive and in-  
teresting. The regular edition con-  
tained a sports supplement with pic-  
tures of the athletic teams, as well as  
those of individuals who have aided in  
this department of work. It is a well  
edited school paper.

The home of Dr. A. H. Wright on  
Main street is attractively decorated  
with lights at night and two illumi-  
nated Christmas trees.

## OBITUARY

J. M. VAN HEUSEN

John M. Van Heusen, inventor of  
the semi-soft collar and president of  
the Van Heusen Products, Inc., of  
New York died at his home on Drake  
Road in Scarsdale, N. Y., Friday, De-  
cember 18th.

The Rev. W. H. Hansen, rector of  
the Community Baptist Church, who  
conducted the services, paid a tribute  
to Mr. Van Heusen and burial was in  
Kenosia Cemetery. Mr. Van Heusen  
was much interested in Northfield and  
the work of the Northfield schools.  
With Mrs. Van Heusen he was a fre-  
quent visitor here and always made  
himself at home at the Northfield Ho-  
tel and among the summer residents.

## JULIETTE SHOP

Warwick Ave.

After the holidays it is time for mak-  
ing hooked rugs. Buy your yarns from  
us—frames and thumb tacks that are  
used for fastening the burlap to  
frame. We carry three kinds of  
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9-11-tf Mrs. A. J. MONAT

## Personals—Locals

It is rumored that Thomas Parker  
and Harry Gingras went hunting sev-  
eral days during the past hunting sea-  
son but it wasn't until they invited a  
third person along that they brought  
home a deer. Has anyone seen the  
deer? The Editor hasn't seen any  
venison.

The Grange had a most interesting  
meeting last Tuesday evening when  
the members sat down to a supper  
served by the ladies committee and  
with friends afterward listened atten-  
tively to Prof. Spurgeon Gage of  
Mount Hermon School speak of his  
travels abroad during the past sum-  
mer.

Miss Nellie Anderson is at home  
from her teaching at Arlington  
Heights for the holidays.

Mr. Charles Baxter, janitor of the  
Center schools and Miss Margaret  
Matthews teacher at the High School  
departed by train for their vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tanski of  
Beers Plain Road are rejoicing in a  
11 lb. girl born Wednesday.

## Warwick

Miss Florence Windom of Boston  
has sent the Town of Warwick to Dr.  
Goldsbury, a check for \$100 for the  
perpetual care of the Roger Hatch  
lot in the cemetery. Rev. Hatch was  
minister of the (Orthodox) Congrega-  
tional Church here for about 20 years  
and lived with his family in the Da-  
vidson-Fournier house in the upper  
village. He died in 1868 at the age of  
84, and his wife in 1875 aged 79. He  
had a family of nine children, one of  
the sons attended Amherst and the  
daughters went to Mt. Holyoke Sem-  
inary. Miss Windom's father was  
senator from Minnesota for a num-  
ber of years and served as Secretary  
of the Treasury both under Garfield  
and Harrison.

The Town report for 1930 shows  
\$5,143.23 invested in the Savings  
banks for the care and upkeep of the  
Cemetery grounds since which time  
\$275 has been received or accepted.  
Back in 1871, a gift of \$500 was  
made by Mary Blake Clapp for the  
general care and upkeep of the ceme-  
tery grounds and the rest has come in  
gifts in amounts from \$50 to \$200  
for the care of special lots. Up to  
1916 the cemetery was in care of a  
sextion. In that year the town voted  
to take advantage of the state law  
and have cemetery commissioners.  
In 1920 Mr. G. D. Shepardson became  
a member of the commissioners and  
under his direction the town expended  
some \$200 for a resurvey of the ceme-  
tery. This new policy seems to assure  
lot owners of more competent super-  
vision for during the past 11 years  
about \$3,000 or nearly 60% of what  
has been received during a period of  
60 years has come in during that short  
period.

## TOWN HALL DANCE

The regular fortnightly dance at  
the Town Hall will take place this  
Saturday evening with Jillson's or-  
chestra. A special invitation is ex-  
tended to the young people at home for  
the holidays to attend.

The Community Club will hold their  
regular fortnightly dance at North-  
field Town Hall, Saturday night,  
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## Items Of Interest

Foster W. Stearns formerly rector  
of Christ Episcopal Church in Sher-  
field, Mass., has been appointed as  
privy chamberlain of the Cape and  
Sword and a member of the official  
staff of Pope Pius XI at Rome.

Mr. Stearns was rector of Christ  
church in 1909 and was received in  
the Roman Catholic faith in 1911. He  
is the son of Frank W. Stearns, who  
was advisor of former President Cal-  
vin Coolidge. He is a veteran of the  
World war, assigned during his ser-  
vice to general headquarters at Chau-  
mont as a lieutenant of infantry.

He has been librarian of the Muse-  
um of Fine Arts in Boston state li-  
brarian and librarian of Holy Cross  
college.

Perley Howe of Keene is a real  
hunter who makes his pleasure pro-  
duce a profit. He has made the hunt-  
ing of hedge hogs his specialty and  
last month turned in 252 porcupines  
from which he collects a bounty of  
twenty cents per head. Thus far this  
year he has turned in 394 of these  
animals. Now in addition to the bounty  
he eats them saying that when  
properly cooked "they are as delicate  
as chicken." There must be quite a  
by-product in the quills. He may yet  
find some profitable way of using  
those.

According to a report of the bu-  
reau of markets of the State of Ver-  
mont made recently it was stated that  
a survey was made to ascertain the  
number of turkeys raised in the state.  
Reports were received from 73 reg-  
istered growers and showed that 13-  
385 turkeys were marketable. This  
represented about 60% of the total  
number of turkeys in the state and  
from the best reliable deductions it is  
estimated that the growers will mar-  
ket a total of 7,000 turkeys from  
Vermont. These turkeys which bear  
the Vermont quality tag sold for 45  
cents a pound.

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for the consolidation of the Morton E.  
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chendon and the Mason Manufacturing  
Company, South Paris, Me., in a  
new corporation which will be known  
as the Converse-Mason Corporation  
with general offices in Winchendon.  
The company will have a capital stock  
of approximately \$1,000,000. There  
have been authorized 1,000 shares of  
preferred stock and 10,000 shares of  
common. There will be no funded in-  
debtedness.

## New Issue Postage Stamps

Twelve famous portraits of George  
Washington will appear on the new  
series of postage stamps which will be  
issued in celebration of the George  
Washington Bicentennial celebration  
to be held next year. These stamps  
will be issued in denominations from  
one-half cent to ten cents.

The stamps will be released in  
Washington on Jan. 1st and will not  
be on sale in other post offices un-  
til the second of January.

It is expected the stamps will be on  
sale in Northfield at the Postoffices  
at the appointed time.

## FACING A \$40 TAX RATE

Reports from Ware are to the ef-  
fect that that town is facing a 1932  
tax rate of close to \$40 if not fully  
that amount. It behooves every town  
to go slow in their appropriations the  
coming year, and this includes North-  
field as well as other places.

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The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission informs us that for days the frosty winter air rang with the glad shouts of welcome as each newly arrived coach emptied its load of happy visitors. The clatter of hoofs on the hard highway announced the coming of nearby neighbors who would dismount, come in for a hot toddy and a chat with the members of the household before mounting and clattering away again, to repeat the jolly encounter at the next estate.

We have no records of how Christmas was spent at Mount Vernon but we know that it was not always festive. There were long years when the master was absent for this holiday, gone to the wars to endure the rigors and dangers of winter campaigns. Perhaps one of Washington's happiest Christmases was in the year 1783. On December 23 Congress assembled in the State House at Annapolis where Washington arrived four days before and was met by Mrs. Washington. Congress was to receive the General's resignation as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

He left Annapolis the day following the short ceremony which marked the close of the last act of the great drama of the Revolution, departing as a private citizen for roads lined with cheering friends and retainers. The hospitable doors of his stately house were flung open wide. Bright fires burned on the hearths. The air was filled with the songs of joy because the master had come home. He had left Mount Vernon a year before merely a man, a strong man in whom the people had faith and confidence, a strong man but untried. He returned the victorious general, savior of the country.

The peace and comfort of Mount Vernon which he dearly loved, surrounded by his family, his friends and his faithful servants, must have seemed a paradise to him. Did he think of that other Christmas when with his little band he crossed the ice-filled Delaware in the dead of night, or that terrible Christmas at Valley Forge? From his writings we will never know, for his diaries were neglected at that time; and, besides, he never gave details of any day's happenings, and made no descriptive or superfluous comments on anything that went on. In the letters of a young girl present at Mount Vernon on that Christmas in 1783, we find the following comments: "The servants were in great glee. They came from all quarters to get a glimpse of their idol. The General much affected, received them from the front veranda. Some, the old ones, were in tears, others were in rapturous mirth."

There are not many December 25 entries in the Washington diaries. The first is December 25, 1761 and was written on his voyage returning from the Barbadoes: "Christmas Day fine and clear and pleasant with moderate sea, though continuance of the trade (winds) which by observation had set us in the latitude 18° 30'. We dined on Irish goose which had been . . . for the purpose some weeks beef etc. etc. and drank a toast to our absent friends."

December 25, 1768. "At home all day."

December 25, 1769. "Dined and spent the afternoon at Colonel Lewis'." The occasion at Colonel Lewis' may have been an event, and probably was, but we must rely on our imaginations to fill in the details.

December 25, 1772. "Went to Pohick Church and returned to dinner. Found Mr. Tilghman here."

December 24, 1774. "At home all day. Mr. Richard Washington came to dinner as did Mrs. Newman." The dinner guests evidently remained the night, as frequently happened, and there were possibly other guests to make merry at Mount Vernon.

December 25, 1774. "At home all day with the above."

From July 1775 to April 30, 1781 no diary was kept. The events of the intervening Christmases we must glean from other pages in history.

The notes made on preparations for Christmas were meager.

December 20, 1785. "Brought some Carts and Cutters from my Plantations to assist in laying in a Stock of Fire wood for Christmas."

On December 21, 1785 he went hunting with the men who were his house guests, namely: Mr. Daniel Dulany, Mr. Benjamin Dulany, Messrs. Samuel and Thomas Handson, Mr. Phillip Alexander, Mr. Mounsher, also Ferdinand Washington and Mr. Shaw.

On the 23rd: "Same are here hunting."

On the 24th there was no entry. On the 25th: "Count Castiglioni, Colo. Ball and Mr. Willm. Hunter came here to dinner, the last of whom returned to Alexandria afterwards."

The diary tells that Colonel Ball departed on the 28th and Count Castiglioni on the 29th on a tour of the south. Count Castiglioni was from Italy making a tour of this country.

December 25, 1786. "At home all day. Miss Allan, Betsy, Patsy and Nelly Custis came here for dinner." The diary for several days following shows there were a number of other guests in the house.

On the 29th the diary remarks that "the holidays are over and people all at work." So he rode around the place to look over the plantations.

December 25, 1788. "Sent Mr. Madison after breakfast as far as Colchester in my carriage." The entries of several days before show that he had sent the carriage to Dumfries for Mrs. Washington of Bushfield and others, but the carriage was obliged to

turn back at Occoquan on account of ice on the river and to go back to Dumfries.

There are a few notations of Washington's Christmases spent away from Mount Vernon. On December 25, 1789 when he was in New York his diary reveals: "Christmas Day. Went to St. Paul's Chapel in the forenoon. The visitors to Mrs. Washington this afternoon were not numerous but respectable."

December 25, 1797. "Mr. W. Dandridge came." Entries preceding this show there were guests coming and going constantly, some on business, some for pleasure, a few probably out of curiosity.

The next Christmas entry he made in his diary reads as follows: December 25, 1798. "Genl Pinckney, Lady and daughter came to dinner, and Captain Jno Spotswood in the Afternoon." No other entries were made until the 29th indicating he was perhaps too busy with guests. On the 28th, he notes the departure of Lady Pinckney and General Pinckney and daughter and, "The following gentlemen dined here on the 27th viz; Messrs. William Fitzhugh, William Herbert, Potts, Wilson, Doctr. Craik and Son, George Washington Craik, Heath and Dr. Greenhow of Richmond."

Washington passed away on December 14 the next year so he never made another Christmas entry in his diary. It is interesting to notice that his diary for December 18, the day before his death, characteristically made no mention of his indisposition.

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## Items Of Interest

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot wife of the Pennsylvania Governor, will oppose the re-election to Congress of Rep. Louis T. McFadden, who last week charged President Hoover with "selling out" to Germany when he proposed the debt moratorium.

Another bright spot in the general employment situation was indicated today with the announcement by L. P. Fisher, president, that the Cadillac Motor Car Company is now operating on a normal payroll of approximately 6,000 employees, and that this payroll probably will be maintained throughout the winter months.

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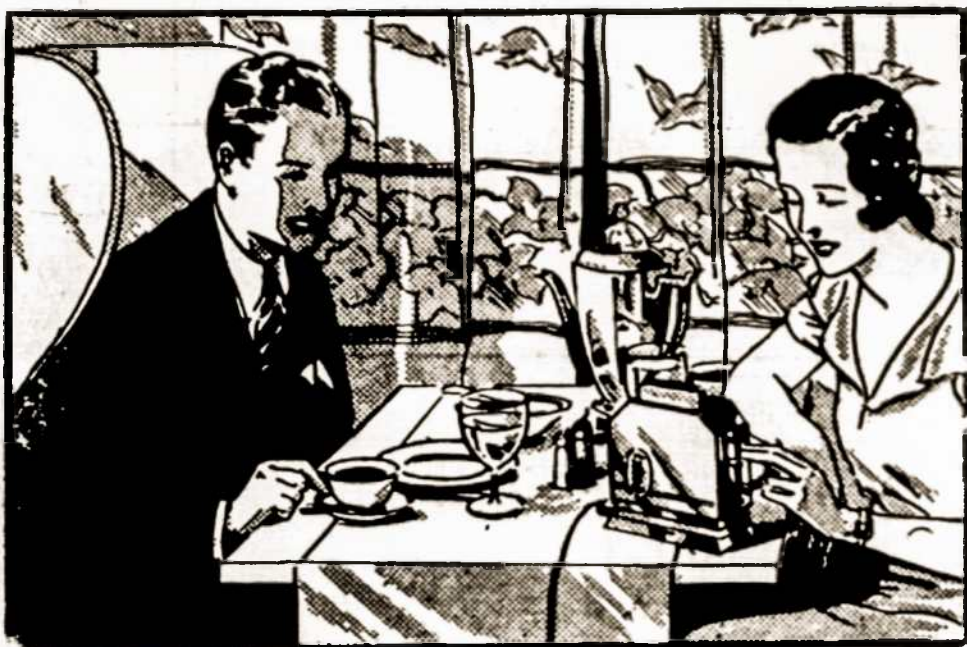
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Mr. and Mrs. John Dunnell enter-  
tained their sons and families, Mr.  
and Mrs. Alton Dunnell of Keene, N.  
H., and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dun-  
nell and daughter Jane Lois.

Miss Anna Rodgers of Honduras,  
Central America spoke last Sunday of  
her work there which was very inter-  
esting. She brought many articles  
from there. Miss Rodgers is spending  
a few days with Rev. and Mrs. Trues-  
dell.

The Congregational Church will  
hold its regular annual church dinner  
Wednesday, January 6.

Mr. Herman Bryant spent a few  
days the first part of the week at  
South Paris, Maine.

The Madinet Club met at Mrs. Ber-  
tram Perry's Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Damon will  
spend Christmas day with Mrs. Da-  
mon's mother.

Mrs. Frank Deane and her son,  
Clarence Deane will spend Christmas  
in Medford with Mrs. Deane's sister.

Mr. and Miss Olsen motored to Bos-  
ton Friday with Miss Clarissa Trues-  
dell. Mr. Olsen returned the same  
day with Miss Truesdell.

Mrs. Etta Root is ill at her home on  
South Street.

Mrs. McCurdy is spending Christ-  
mas holidays with her mother and fa-  
ther Mr. and Mrs. Stephens in Man-  
chester, N. H.

Mr. Wendell Streeter has returned  
home from Bentley School of Account-  
ing to spend the Christmas vacation  
with his parents.

Mrs. A. W. Ward is spending a few  
days in Wilmington, Vt.

Mrs. G. W. Townsend and daughter  
Eva of Bernardston and Mrs. H. W.  
Townsend and daughter June of  
Greenfield spent Tuesday at the home  
of Mrs. E. J. Watson in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter of Ley-  
den, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Marshall  
of Leyden, Mr. and Mrs. William  
Summers and son Richard, Mr. and  
Mrs. Kenneth Black and son Leland,  
Edwin Pratt spent Christmas with Mr.  
and Mrs. Lewis Jilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burrows are en-  
tertaining guests over the Christmas  
holiday. They are: Mr. Walter Fair-

man, a cousin of the Burrows's who is  
head of the Commercial Department  
at the Blue Ridge College; Woodrow  
Pettigrew and Richard McLaughlin,  
friends of Charles Burrows.

A musical service by the Choir of  
the All Soul's Church, Greenfield was  
given at the Unitarian Church at Ber-  
nardston Sunday December 20, 1931  
at 8 p.m.

Troop 12 of the Bernardston Boy  
Scouts lost an interesting basketball  
game to Troop 5 of Greenfield at the  
North Parish Hall last week. Lack of  
practice handicapped the Bernardston  
boys in their shooting. With the score  
17-1 against them at the end of the  
first half, they outscored the Green-  
field Boys 14-5 in the last half. Syn-  
der and Mooney were high scorers for  
Greenfield while Day, Fitzherbert and  
Adams did the scoring for Bernard-  
ston.

#### Attendance Honor List

The pupils in the East Bernardston  
school who have not been absent or  
tardy since school commenced last  
September are Dorothy Lenois, Mar-  
guerite Newton, James Deane, Paul  
Gordon, Francis Lenois, Carl Lenois,  
Albert Newton and Elbert Raymond.

The W. C. T. U. have conducted an  
essay contest on the subject "Alcohol  
as a Narcotic" for the sophomore, ju-  
nior and seniors of Powers Institute.

The essays were written by mem-  
bers of the English classes having  
over B rank. The first prize of \$3  
was awarded to Miss Mildred Law-  
rence and the second, \$2 went to  
Miss Ethel Shedd. The judges were  
Miss Rhoda Slate, Mrs. Paul Shores  
and Rev. J. C. Allen.

The W. C. T. U., wishes to thank  
the Judges, the Superintendent, the  
principal and especially Miss Estey.  
The prizes were awarded Friday af-  
ternoon during the Christmas exer-  
cises.

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### Hinsdale

Walker Kimball, Boston University  
student, is at his home for the holi-  
days.

Mrs. Bessie McVray of Washington,  
D. C., is visiting at the home of Miss  
Anne Conway.

Mrs. Guy Whitney of Keene is vi-  
siting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John  
E. Johnson of High street.

Miss K. Eileen Maginnis, teacher at  
Harrisville, N. H., is at her home here  
for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Stearns, student at  
Dean academy, Franklin, Mass., is at  
her home here until January 4.

Miss Ellen Watson, teacher in  
Stamford, Conn., is spending the holi-  
day vacation at her home here.

Miss Isabel Briziski, local school  
teacher is at her home in Greenfield,  
Mass., for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Gladys MacNabb local teacher  
is enjoying the Christmas vacation at  
her home in Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Marion West, teacher in the  
high school, has gone to her home in  
New London, Conn., for the holidays.

The Busy Bee club held a Christ-  
mas party Saturday evening at the  
home of Mrs. Albert Hall on Terrace  
hill.

Miss Elsie A. Fuller of the local  
high school faculty has gone to her  
home in Contoocook, N. H., for the  
holidays.

Miss L. Adelaide Barbrick, a former  
member of the local high school fac-  
ulty has been visiting at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hildreth.

Chester F. Drury of Canal street,  
has reported that he recently cap-  
tured a horned owl with a wing  
spread of four feet and three inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bain and  
daughter, Doris, and Russel Bain, all  
from Cambridge, N. Y., were guests  
on Sunday at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. Frank W. Walton.

Royal Johnson of Brattleboro, Vt.,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of  
this town, who has been very ill at a  
hospital in Brattleboro has improved  
enough to return to his home.

Miss Rose Helen Jeffords of Sim-  
mons college and Miss Eleanor Jef-  
fords of Colby School for Girls at  
New London, N. H., are enjoying the  
Christmas vacation at their home here.

clock in the John M. Lamb funeral  
home on Main street with Rev. John-  
son A. Haines, pastor of the First  
Congregational church officiating. In-  
terment took place in Pine Grove  
cemetery.

Mrs. Jubal Higgins is ill and under  
the care of a nurse.

Ora S. Smith, Bernard P. Pelech,  
Jason P. Sikoski, Francis Mannis, and  
Ernest Gould, students at the Uni-  
versity of New Hampshire, have come to  
their homes to spend the Christmas  
vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Marcus G. Worden had the  
misfortune to tip over Sunday on the  
Brattleboro road near the residence  
of Adam Roeder with her brother-in-  
law's Henry Worden's coupe. The car  
was damaged as it struck on its side  
but Mrs. Worden was not injured.

The annual concert and ball under  
the auspices of the local fire depart-  
ment will be held in the local town  
hall on the evening of January 22,  
1932. Danny Graham and his Blue  
and Gold Ballroom orchestra from  
Bellows Falls, Vt., will furnish music.

Several of the local teachers en-  
joyed a Christmas party at the home  
of Mrs. William E. Watson on Friday  
evening. Supper was served and a  
Christmas tree was in evidence. Miss  
Helen Hawley of Holyoke, Mass., for-  
mer teacher in the local high school  
was present at the party.

There was an attendance of about  
70 at the annual Christmas tree and  
party conducted Friday evening by  
the Hinsdale high school glee club in  
the domestic arts room at the local  
high school. The committee consisted  
of Alec Sikoski, president; Miss Bar-  
bara Garfield, Miss Olga Burek and  
Roland O'Neal.

### North Leverett

Leslie R. Kincaide spent Christmas  
and the week end with his parents in  
Fitchburg.

Mrs. Edith Baxter is having two  
weeks vacation from her school du-  
ties in Shutesbury.

Neil McCleary was lucky enough to  
get a 12-point buck weighing about  
two hundred just before deer season  
hunter to get one here this year.  
closed last week. He is the only local

Miss Evangeline Barry and Miss  
Helen Chudack had their Christmas  
program in the hall Monday evening.  
There were Christmas songs, a play,  
recitations and a visit from Old San-  
ta.

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## South Vernon

An excellent Christmas entertainment was given at the South Vernor house by the teacher, Miss Eleanor Brown and her pupils last Friday evening to a crowded house, over 100 persons being present to enjoy the evening. Songs and recitations were well spoken and sung by the children. Two plays were given. A one act play, "The Christmas Sprite," was given by the 5th and 8th grades. A two act play, "Santa's Volunteers," was given by the school. At the close of the program Santa Claus arrived with a pack on his back. He showered peanuts around to the people for them to find, then he proceeded to a beautiful and well lighted and prettily trimmed Christmas tree, and took the many presents beneath the tree and distributed them to each of the children.

### Program

A dialogue, "Merry Christmas," was given by Dorothy eHath, Peter Skib, and Evelyn Strange; Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse, Leonard Corey; recitation, "Joe's Stocking and Mine," Marion Heath; song, "Beautiful Thoughts for Christmas" by Genevieve Edson, Nina Gray and Ruth Dunklee; recitation, "Christmas Day," Donald Strange; recitation, "Poor Santa Claus," Alma Dunklee; dialogue, "A Christmas Message," by the First Grade.

The services at the South Vernor Church next Sunday will be at: 10.45 a.m., Sermon by the pastor, Rev. George A. Gray; 12.15 p.m. Church School; 7 p.m. Praise service, followed by a very interesting account of the "Youth's Council Conference," (held at Middlebury, Vt., the last of November), by Warren G. Brown, student at Middlebury, College, Vt. Every one is cordially invited and especially all the young people to be present on this evening; 7.30 p.m. Midweek service at the Vernon Home Thursday. The rehearsal will be omitted this week.

A fine Christmas entertainment with a Christmas tree and Santa Claus was held at the Pond Schoolhouse last week Thursday evening to a full house by the teacher and her pupils. Songs and recitations were given by the children. A three act play, "The Real Christmas," was given by the school.

A pantomime was given by 6 little girls dressed in costume. They sang a pretty song in behind the curtain, out of sight and then came out with lighted candles in their hands and sang a song and acted it out, making a very, pretty scene. Candy and popcorn was given out and each child was remembered with a gift.

Recitation, Christmas, Allie Skib; song, "A Christmas Story," by Elva Martineau, Ellen Heath and Eleanor Bruce; recitation, "I Wonder," Elsie Heath; recitation, "Everywhere Christmas," Edward Corey; one act play, "The Christmas Sprite," 5th and 8th grades; recitation, "Once a Year," Corlind Dunklee; recitation, "Talking to Santa Claus," Evelyn Strange; Recitation, "Our Christmas Christmas Eve," Jane Cowles; song, "Christmas Bells," by the school; recitation, "Christmas," Robert Strange; recitation, "The Proof," Nina Gray; recitation, "Grandma's Mistake," Genevieve Edson; recitation, "A rest for Santa Claus," Michael Zaluzny; recitation, "A Suggestion for Santa Claus," Walter Corey; songs, Several Christmas Carols by the school; a two act play, "Santa's Volunteers," by the school; a quintet song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," recitation, "If Santa Claus was Pa," Walter Bruce; distributing of gifts by Santa Claus.

A meeting will be held at the Vernon Chapel next week Wednesday December 30 at 7.30 o'clock.

A fine Christmas entertainment with a Christmas tree and Santa Claus was held at the Center School by the teachers Miss Hawkins and pu-

pils last week. Recitations and songs were given by the children and the people enjoyed the evening.

A. A. Dunklee took a trip to Boston last week.

One stray robin-red breast must have forgotten to go to a warmer climate or lost from the rest as one was seen by Ray Franklin at South Vernor recently.

Mrs. W. L. Collier, has been very ill in bed with muscular rheumatism, for the past two weeks.

Miss Elmer Scherlin and children are ill and are cared for by her mother, Mrs. Clara Pratt of West Northfield, Mass.

Mrs. Nellie Rice is still very ill at the home of Mrs. Jennie Fairman at Vernon, Vt.

Rev. B. J. Tibbets, a student at the New England School of Theology, Boston, Mass., is spending his Christmas vacation at the home of his friend, Miss Dorothy Gray.

Several children are or have been ill with Chicken pox in the Pond District.

## Ashuelot

A very pleasing program was rendered by the children of the grade schools on Friday December 18th in the 7th and 8th grade rooms.

Miss Veronica Thompson of Brattleboro, Vt., spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. Joseph Roy and family have moved from the Hollow to the Qualters house on Church street.

Misses Bertha and Priscilla Patenaude of Wilton, N. H., and Plymouth Normal respectively and Miss Patricia Breed of Laconia, N. H., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Patenaude for the holidays.

William DeTour spent several days with his daughter, Mrs. F. L. Richards in Orange, Mass., during the past week.

Several people attended the funeral of the late Mrs. T. Duggan in Hinsdale last Tuesday.

Miss Mary DeTour of Keene Normal is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. DeTour.

"Did you rescue your poor friend who was captured by cannibals?" "Unfortunately, when I arrived he had already been scratched off the menu."

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